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ATTN: Project Surgeon

FROM: Chief of Station, [Redacted Box]

SUBJ: GENERAL - Administrative/Medical

SPECIFIC - Immunizations

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Changes have been observed in the immunization procedure employed at Headquarters on recent arrivals to [Redacted Box]. These are at variance with Headquarters and USPHS policies as discussed recently with [Redacted Box] on his visit here. Please advise whether the following recent Headquarters practices represent official revisions in our immunization procedures:

(1) A person who has had a tour of duty in the Armed Forces, especially when the initial basic training is within the past four years, has previously been credited with having received at least smallpox, typhoid and tetanus series, and requires only booster immunizations. The recent arrivals (project security employees) have not been so credited, and the single immunization of typhoid-paratyphoid or tetanus, given at Curie Hall, are arbitrarily designated as "1st" or "2nd", even though the PHS Form 731 is stamped "Typhoid Series Complete."

(2) The notations: "Typhus Series Complete", "Typhoid Series Complete" and "Cholera Series Complete" are being made on PHS 731 when such is not the case, or is omitted in some cases where the series is actually complete and valid. This, in the case of cholera immunization, requires an amendment to the certificate, which invalidates the certification.

(3) Yellow fever immunization is now being given simultaneously with smallpox vaccination and other immunizations. This represents a change of policy since two years ago. Is this an approved procedure?

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